

Kentucky SkillsUSA returned to Kansas City June 21-June 25 for the 40th annual National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference, a showcase of career and technical education students. Quality career and technical education was the centerpiece of the conference. More than 12,500 students, teachers, education leaders, and representatives from more than 1,000 national corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions attended the event. A special highlighted event was the annual SkillsUSA Championships June 24 with 77 hands-on skill and leadership competitions.

The following is a list of Kentucky SkillsUSA Top Ten Finalists:

Chad Tapp	Secondary, Paducah ATC	1st Place, Gold	
Customer Service			
Adam O'Donoghue	Secondary, Breckinridge Co. ATC	2nd Place, Silver	CNC
Turning			
Justin Vandergrift	Secondary, Eastern High School	3rd Place, Bronze	
Computer Maintenance			
Faye Dillard	Postsecondary, Elizabethtown TC	5th Place	Job
Skill Demo A			
Corey Sears	Secondary, Harrison County ATC	5th Place	
Mechatronics			
Lowry Insko	Postsecondary, Central Kentucky TC	5th Place	Related
Technical Math			
Chris Goetz	Postsecondary, Elizabethtown TC	5th Place	
Residential Wiring			
Matthew Clark	Postsecondary, Elizabethtown TC	6th Place	
Welding			
John Alexander	Secondary, Breckinridge Co. ATC	6th Place	CNC
Milling			
Mike Cardin	Postsecondary, Elizabethtown TC	6th Place	Job
Skill Demo B			
Eastern HS	Secondary	6th Place	Quiz
Bowl			
Andrew Groves, Robert Miller, Michael Noltemeyer, Katie Shannon and			
Nick Welkamp			
Somerset Community College	Postsecondary	7th Place	
Opening & Closing			
Stephanie Frye, Pam Lawson, Tonya Neal, Todd Nies, Tammy Oakly, Mary Strunk and Brandon Sturgill			
Daniel Wolfe	Secondary, Green County ATC	7th Place	
Precision Machining			
Breckinridge Co. ATC	Secondary	8th Place	
Automated Manufacturing			
Dillon Bennett, Aaron Pryor and Bradley Tucker			
Melissa Hadley	Secondary, Shawnee HS	8th	Aviation
Eric Sizemore	Postsecondary, Somerset CC	8th Place	
Carpentry			
Jason Turner	Secondary, Eastside TC	9th Place	Building
Maintenance			
Charles Whitt	Secondary, Elliott Co. HS	9th Place	Job
Interview			
Kyle Young	Postsecondary, Elizabethtown TC	9th Place	
Plumbing			
Jefferson Community College	Postsecondary	10th Place	
Automated Manufacturing			
Matt McAllister, Shannon Woods and Brian Yates			
Shanna Lockhart	Postsecondary, Somerset CC	10th Place	
Cosmetology			

Debra Grant	Secondary, Meade County ATC	10th Place	
Electronics			
Shelby Nunn	Secondary, Meade Co. ATC	10th Place	HVAC

The following students participated in the Timberland Pro Series Community Service Event: Josh Armstrong-Paducah ATC, Jeff Clay-Paducah ATC, Ryan Doyle-Nelson County ATC, Melissa Gilbert-Caldwell County ATC, Trevor Ford-Bullitt County ATC and Jamie Squires-Elizabethtown Technical College. Advisors Don Atwell-Bullitt County ATC and Rick Atwell-Green County ATC also participated. Community service is a shared commitment of SkillsUSA and Timberland.

Kentucky SkillsUSA was awarded two plaques of distinction. The membership plaques were presented to Kentucky SkillsUSA Director, Steve Phillippi at an awards session for state directors. Kentucky SkillsUSA reached its goal of 1,000 new members this past year.